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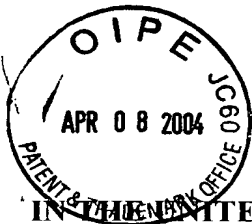
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

On March 9, 2004, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner identified three groups of claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-11

Group II: Claims 12-20

Group III: Claims 21-32

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects for prosecution in the instant application the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-11.

The Examiner further required election between species with regard to the claims of Group I. In particular, the Examiner identified the following species among the claims of Group I:

Species I, Claims 8-9 to a fuel cell;

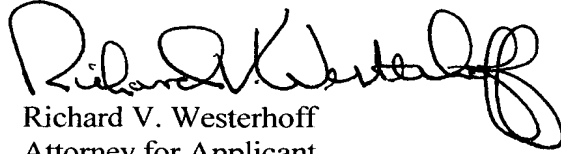
Species II, Claims 10-11 to a combustion engine.

Applicant further elects Species I, Claims 8-9 within Group I. As required by the Restriction Requirement, Applicant identifies Claims 1 through 9 as readable on Species I.

It is noted that the Examiner has indicated that Claim 1 is generic as to the species of Group I.

This election of group and species is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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